



October 2022

**Crediton Neighbourhood Plan**

**ADOPTION DECISION STATEMENT**

**REGULATION 19 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL)  
REGULATIONS 2012**

**1.0 Summary**

1.1 Mid Devon District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan part of the statutory development plan for Mid Devon District in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This follows a positive referendum result on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022,

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Crediton Parish Council (as the qualifying body) applied for Crediton Parish, in its entirety, to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The Crediton Neighbourhood Area was designated on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.
- 2.2 The Crediton Neighbourhood Plan submission version was submitted to Mid Devon District Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Mid Devon District Council undertook the statutory consultation, in accordance with Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, between 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 2.3. Mid Devon District Council, with the agreement of Crediton Parish Council, appointed an Independent Examiner (Barbara Maksymiw) to assess whether the plan met the Basic Conditions required by legislation; and whether it should proceed to referendum.
- 2.4. The examination into the Plan was carried out by written representations and the Examiner's report was issued on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The report concluded that the Plan met the basic conditions and, subject to proposed modifications, that the Plan should proceed to a local referendum.
- 2.5 On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Mid Devon District Council agreed the Examiner's proposed modifications and a typographical correction to the Crediton Neighbourhood

Plan, and agreed that the plan should proceed to a local referendum. A Decision Statement was also approved and published for this.

### **3.0 Decision and Reasons**

- 3.1. The local referendum was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 and met the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It returned a 'yes' majority of 88.4%, to the question:

*“Do you want Mid Devon District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Crediton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”*

- 3.2 The results of the local referendum were as follows:

Ballot papers	Votes Recorded
Number cast in favour of a Yes	719
Number cast in favour of a No	94
Number of spoilt ballot papers	0
Total number of votes cast	813
Electorate: 6173	Turnout: 13%

- 3.3. Following the positive referendum outcome, the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' (adopted) by Mid Devon District Council at a meeting of the Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- 3.4. It is considered that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; complies with the provision made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and is compatible with EU obligations and Convention obligations (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- 3.5. The Crediton Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the development plan for the Crediton Neighbourhood Area (the parish of Crediton). In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications in Crediton Parish will need to be made in accordance with the development plan (i.e. the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033, the adopted Devon Minerals and Waste Plans, and the 'made' Crediton Neighbourhood Plan), unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

### **4.0 Where to view this Adoption Decision Statement**

- 4.1. The Adoption Decision Statement can be viewed at:

Mid Devon District Council's Offices, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6PP

Opening hours (via appointment, please contact 01884 255255):

- Monday - 9 am to 1 pm

- Tuesday - 9 am to 1 pm
- Wednesday - CLOSED
- Thursday - 9 am to 1 pm
- Friday - 9 am to 1 pm

Online on the Council's website: [www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/crediton-neighbourhood-plan/](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/crediton-neighbourhood-plan/)

[Crediton Neighbourhood Plan - MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/crediton-neighbourhood-plan/)

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